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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Claim 1 (currently amended): An interlabial pad, comprising:

a main sheet body comprising:

a water permeable surface sheet facing a body side; and

a water permeable backing sheet facing a garment side opposite to the body side, the

surface sheet and the backing sheet enclosing a first absorber for absorbing body fluid,

wherein the surface sheet and the backing sheet of the main sheet body each have

longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side

edges of the surface sheet being directly bonded to one of the longitudinal side edges of the

backing sheet, at a respective one of the opposite ends; and

a substantially [[planar shaped]] planar-shaped sub-sheet body comprising:

a water permeable surface sheet facing the body side; and

either a water permeable or non-permeable backing sheet facing the garment side, the

surface sheet and the backing sheet enclosing a second absorber for absorbing body fluid,

wherein the surface sheet and the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body each have longitudinal

side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the surface

sheet being directly bonded to one of the longitudinal side edges of the backing sheet, at a

respective one of the opposite ends,

wherein the main sheet body comprises an elongated convex area formed along a

longitudinal direction of the surface sheet of the main sheet body so that a substantial center area of

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the surface sheet of the main sheet body in a lateral direction is formed convex towards the body side,

wherein the elongated convex area has a hollow part with a substantially triangular shape in a lateral cross section, and two ends in the longitudinal direction, at least one of the two ends forming a finger insertion opening through which a finger is insertable into the hollow part,

wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the main sheet body being <u>directly</u> bonded to one of the longitudinal side edges of the sub-sheet body, at a respective one of the opposite ends, and

wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body are not directly bonded to each other, other than at [[the]] each of the longitudinal side edges.

Claims 2-4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, further comprising a mini sheet piece fixed on the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body, facing the garment side, the mini sheet piece forming a finger insertion opening being formed between the backing sheet and the mini sheet piece,

wherein the mini-sheet piece has longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the mini sheet piece being bonded to one [[each]] of

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the longitudinal side edges of the backing sheet[[, respectively,]] at [[each]] a respective one of the

opposite ends.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the

elongated convex area includes a bent portion formed by bending the main sheet body.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,

wherein the triangular shape of the elongated convex area of the main sheet body has a top

and a bottom, the top being a vertex of the triangular shape and positioned closer to the body side,

wherein a longitudinal length at the top is shorter than a longitudinal length at the bottom,

and

wherein each of the two ends of the elongated convex area has an opening with edges that

are inwardly sloped in relation to a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the

surface sheet, from the bottom to the top of the triangular shape of the elongated convex area.

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein a lateral

cross sectional area of the elongated convex area is at least 1 cm².

ross sectional area of the elongated convex area is at least 1 cm⁻.

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Claim 10 (previously presented): The interlabial pad as claimed in claim 1,

wherein a lateral cross sectional area of the elongated convex area continuously decreases as the area is taken from one end to the other end along the longitudinal direction.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the interlabial pad is used together with a sanitary napkin.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the interlabial pad comprises an incontinent-interlabial pad for incontinence.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the interlabial pad comprises a vaginal-discharge interlabial pad for absorbing vaginal discharge.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A wrapping body comprising: a wrapping container containing an interlabial pad, the interlabial pad comprising:

a main sheet body comprising:

a water permeable surface sheet facing a body side; and
a water permeable backing sheet facing a garment side opposite to the body

side, the surface sheet and the backing sheet being bonded to each other enclosing a

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first absorber for absorbing body fluid; and

a <u>substantially planar-shaped</u> sub-sheet body comprising:

a water permeable surface sheet facing the body side; and
either a water permeable or non-permeable backing sheet facing the garment
side, the surface sheet and the backing sheet being bonded to each other enclosing a
second absorber for absorbing body fluid.

wherein the main sheet body comprises an elongated convex area formed along a longitudinal direction of the [[surface]] main sheet body so that a substantial center area of the [[surface]] main sheet body in a lateral direction is formed convex towards the body side,

wherein the elongated convex area has a hollow part with a substantially triangular shape in a lateral cross section, and two ends in the longitudinal direction, at least one of the two ends forming a finger insertion opening through which a finger is insertable into the hollow part,

wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the main sheet body being directly bonded to one of the longitudinal side edges of the sub-sheet body, at a respective one of the opposite ends,

wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body are not directly bonded to each other, other than at the each of the longitudinal side edges, and

wherein the interlabial pad is contained in the wrapping container for individual wrapping.

Claims 15-17 (canceled).

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Claim 18 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 5, wherein a

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circumference inside the finger insertion opening formed between [with] the backing sheet of the

sub-sheet body and a surface of the mini sheet piece that faces the backing sheet of the sub-sheet

body is within a range of 40 mm to 80 mm.